



## November News from Howard County Recycling

### Holiday Changes

#### Veteran's Day – No Change

There will be **REGULAR** curbside collections on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

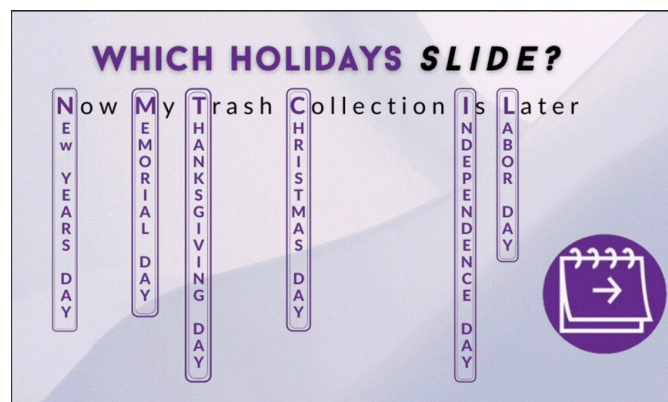
In observance of Veteran's Day, County offices will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The Alpha Ridge Landfill will be **OPEN**.



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#### Thanksgiving Holiday– Slide Schedule in Effect

There will be **NO CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS** on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. **Thursday** and **Friday** curbside collections of recycling, yard trim, trash and bulk items will **slide** and be made one day later that week. Scrap metal collection will remain as scheduled and will **NOT** slide.



Please place all items out by 6am to ensure collection.

The Alpha Ridge Landfill will be **CLOSED** on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. County offices will be **CLOSED** on Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.

Visit our [Holiday Slide page](#) for more information.

# Shop Smarter for the Planet



Are you a sustainable shopper?

Can you identify if an item's packaging is recyclable or compostable? Do you buy items in bulk to reduce the amount of packaging?

Our new [Sustainable Shopping](#) webpage is a great resource for you to minimize your carbon footprint and make purchases with the environment in mind.

Know Before You Throw: Takeout/Cafeteria Packaging		
RECYCLE	PAPER	TRASH
CLEAN Paper and Cardboard (no food residue or contaminants)	Food-stained products	ASTM D6400 or BPI certified products
CLEAN bottles, jars, tubs, and rigid non-styrofoam	PLASTIC	COMPOST
"Single-use" disposable products	"Single-use" flexible products	ASTM D6400 or BPI certified products
EMPTY food/drink cans	METAL	DROP-OFF
CLEAN foil bakeware and trays are recyclable at the scrap metal drop-off at Alpha Ridge Landfill's Residents' Convenience Center	CLEAN foil bakeware and trays are recyclable at the scrap metal drop-off at Alpha Ridge Landfill's Residents' Convenience Center	
	STYROFOAM	TRASH
	Styrofoam containers, trays and packaging are NOT recyclable. For recycling options for clean Styrofoam products, please inquire with EPS Industry Alliance.	

## Post-Election Season Projects

As election season comes to a close, what happens to all those yard signs?

Most of these signs are made from corrugated plastic that is **NOT** recyclable in our curbside collection program.

Before disposing of them, consider some reuse options below:

### Bird House

With minimal tools, you can put those election signs to good use with this DIY Bird House.

[Instructions](#)



### Halloween Tombstones

Get a jump-start on next year's Halloween decorations. Election signs (and their stakes!) are perfect for some



[Instructions](#)

## Storage Bins

Get organized! Transform your campaign signs into functional wall storage bins.

[Instructions](#)



## ARL Reminder

Face Coverings required at all times  
Organics sales resume (credit card only)

Visit our [website](#) for up-to-date information.

### Alpha Ridge Landfill: Modified Operations

	Avoid unnecessary trips to Alpha Ridge Landfill. County-provided collection services continue to operate as usual and collection guidelines still apply. Please delay disposal of home clean out materials as the high volume has overwhelmed collection crews.
	All organic material sales are by credit card ONLY. No cash, check or debit will be accepted.
	Face coverings are required at all times. Please continue to practice social distancing (6 ft).
	Vehicles with a trailer or box trucks must cross the scales; they cannot use the Residents Convenience Center due to safety concerns.
	Permitted commercial accounts must cross the scales and will be billed based on material type and tonnage. On-site cash, check and credit card sales have been discontinued.
	Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Drop-offs will be held Saturdays from 8am-4pm. Residents are strongly encouraged to avoid unnecessary trips as Saturdays are typically busy.

Services will continue to be evaluated as needed. Call 410-313-6444 to get the most up-to-date information from our recorded message or visit our website at HowardCountyRecycles.org.

## Questions? Comments?



Questions? Contact Us

Getting your questions answered just got easier!

*Need to exchange a cracked cart?*

*Don't see an item on our [Know Before You Throw](#) page?*

*Have a suggestion for our website?*

Our NEW [online form](#) let's you easily submit a request. We're here to help!

[Howard County Recycling](#)  
9801 Broken Land Parkway  
Columbia, MD 21046  
**Temporarily Closed to the Public**

[Alpha Ridge Landfill](#)  
2350 Marriottsville Road  
Marriottsville, MD 21104  
Open Mon.- Sat., 8 am to 4 pm

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